

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:129

ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002

CONVERSION OF FOREST LAND INTO NON FOREST LAND

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any account of the forest land that has been converted into non-forest land so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have received any request from Andhra Pradesh to this effect;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the stand of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (e) Under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, any non-forestry use of the forest land requires prior permission of the Central Government. As per the reports furnished by the State Governments/Union Territories, a total of 8015 proposals involving diversion of 576090 hectares of forest land have been approved for non-forestry purposes up to 31.10.2002. This includes 184 proposals involving 22626 hectares forest land in Andhra Pradesh. A State-wise list of approved proposals and forest land diverted for non-forestry purposes is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 12
CONVERSION OF FOREST LAND INTO NON-FOREST LAND ` FOR REPLY ON 18.11.2002**

STATE/ UNION TERRITORY NO. OF FOREST LAND DIVERTED
PROPOSALS FOR NON-FORESTRY
APPROVED PURPOSES (IN HECTARES)

Andhra Pradesh	184	22626
Arunachal Pradesh	64	2491
Assam	119	1653
Bihar	102	5979
Chhattisgarh	176	15929
Goa	50	389
Gujarat	583	52657
Haryana	312	1582
Himachal Pradesh	356	4905
Jammu & Kashmir	8	1286
Karnataka	296	32408
Kerala	134	30993
Madhya Pradesh	518	228019
Maharashtra	1185	75650
Manipur	9	247
Meghalya	61	356
Mizoram	42	8528
Orissa	265	27055
Punjab	437	2532
Rajasthan	268	12707
Sikkim	48	623
Tamil Nadu	225	4138
Tripura	91	2315
Uttar Pradesh	180	6484
Uttaranchal	2087	22930
West Bengal	77	9217
A & Nicobar Islands	51	2223

Dadra & Nagar Haveli 87 168

TOTAL 8015 576090